

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Formal Matters

With this Office Action, the Examiner returned a signed copy of the PTO forms submitted with the June 21, 2006 and June 27, 2006 Information Disclosure Statements indicating that all the references listed therein have been considered. The Examiner additionally acknowledged the claim to foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy of the priority documents submitted June 21, 2006. However, the Examiner did not indicate whether or not the drawings submitted June 21, 2006 have been accepted. Applicants kindly request that the Examiner make these acknowledgements in the next Office communication.

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Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner asserts that there is insufficient antecedent basis for particular limitations within claims 1 and 2. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-2, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

With respect to claim 3, the Examiner rejects claim 3 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants submit that claim 3 is patentable at least by its virtue of dependency on claim 2.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

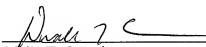
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